(v) 11 % per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 15th day of January, 2000 but before the 1st day of March, 2001.

(vi) 9.5% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March 2001 but before the 1st day of March, 2002.

(vii) 9% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March, 2002 but before the 1st day of March, 2003.

(viii) 8% per annum in respect of deposits made on or after the 1st day of March, 2003.

(c) The rate of interest for deposits made by all investors of RD and MIS Scheme is presently 7.5% and 8% respectively.

Unsolicited calls

2514. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to bring a legislation prohibiting cell phone companies and banks from giving out user's personal data to other companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that unsolicited calls are considered to be an invasion of privacy and are dealt with stictly in USA and other countries; and

(d) if so, the steps Government propose to take to curb unsolicited calls in India?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) In this regard, a notice has been received from Hon'bie Supreme Court of India by the Department of Telecommunications regarding a petition filed by Dr. Harsh Pathank.

Under the provisions of the 'Licence Agreement for provision of Cellular

Mobile Telephone Service' and Rule 458 of ITR, 1951, it is evident that sufficient safeguard has been provided for the subscribeers so that their information is not passed on by the Licenced Mobile Operators to the Tele Marketing Service Providers/banks etc.

The relevant extracts of the 'Licence Agreement for provision of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service' and Indian Telegraph Rule pertaining to subscriber information and publication of Telephone Directory are given below:

(I) Extract of Licence Agreement for provision of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service.

SCHEDULE-II, Part-ll

18.1 Determination of TRAI with regard to publication of telephone service directory containing information of subscribers of Cellular Moible Telephone Service shall be applicable and binding.

29.3 The Licensee shall be responsive to the complaints lodged by his subscribers.

SCHEDULE-II, Part-V

31.5 Any dispute, with regard to the provision of SERVICE shall be a matter only between athe aggrieved party and the LICENSEE, who shall duly notify this to all before providing the SERVICE. And in no case the LICENSOR shall bear any liability or responsibility in the matter.

SCHEDULE-II, Part-VI

42.2. Subject to conditions contained in these terms and conditions, the LICENSEE shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the privacy and confidentiality of any information about a third party and its business to whom it provides the SERVICE and from whom it has acquaired such information by virtue of the SERVICE provided and shall use its best endeavors to secure that:

(a) No person acting on behalf of the LICENSEE or the LICENSEE divulges or uses any such information except as may be necessary in the course of providing such SERVICE to the Third Party; and

(b) No such person seeks such information other than is necessary for the purpose of providing SERVICE to the Third Party.

Provided the above para shall not apply where:

(a) The information relates to a specific party and that party has

consented in writing to such information being divulged or used, and such information is divulgd or usd in accordance with the terms of that consent; or

(b) The information is arleady open to the public and otherwise known.

42.3 The LICENSEE shall take necessary steps to ensure that the LICENSEE and any person(s) acting on its behalf observe confidentiality of customer information.

(II) Rule 458 of Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951:

Except with permission of the Telegraph Authority no person shall publish any list of telephone subscribers.

Pak help to Japan for Security Council seat

2616. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minsiter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has favoured Japan for UN Security Council's permanent seat instead of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons why Confidence Building Measures could not persuade Pakistan to support India for UN Secruity Council Seat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) Pakistan is among the group of countires in the UN, which are opposed to the expansion of the UN Security Council in the permanent category. During the visit of Foreign Minister of Pakistan Mr. Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri in February 2005 to Japan, there were media reports indicating that Pakistan had changed its stand and had supported Japan for permanent membership of the UN Security Council. However, the Foreign Office of Pakistan in its press briefing, after the visit, on February 28,2005 reiterated that there was no change in the position of Pakistan with respect of UN Security Council reforms.

Pakistan's opposition to expanision of the UN Security Council in the permanent category preculdues support for individual candidates for permanent membership of the UN Security Council.